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Springfield Mass
Mar. 8. 1896

Dear Sir,—

My friend Mr. Robert O. Moriss of this city says you are anxious to hear about the Horned Larks I shot recently, so I take the privileage of writing to you about them.

On the 23 of February I shot, from a flock of about thirty, four specimens of the Prairie Horned Larks. I say they are Prairie Horned Larks because they agree with Jonathan Dwight's description of them, but I will send you a specimen to examine if you have any doubts.

I have read that the Rough-Leg Hawk is becoming a rare bird in N. E. I have shot twenty-five specimens up to this date, on the meadow below the city. I have one "Black-Hawk"

and have seen another. I also have one which is a uniform dark rust color without any spots whatever. It looks like a miniature Golden Eagle, and differs from anything I have ever seen.

I wish you would write me whether you consider the Black Hawk, a different species from the ordinary Rough-Leg, or merely an individual variation.

I am by profession a Taxidermist, and am making a study of the birds of prey of this region. If you ever come to Springfield I would be pleased to have you call and view my collection.

Yours very truly

Leon C. Holcomb
66 Aushwat Ave

Holcomb, L. G.
Mar. 8, 1898.

ack. the receipt of the Fish Crow WD

Springfield Mass
March 30 1898

Dear Sir,—

I received your check and letter yesterday thank you for the same. I send you by to day's express a female Fish crow shot in this city June 9th 1896 I think Mr. R. O. Morris reported it in the Auk but am not certain, anyway I can prove by Messrs H. R. Merritt and H. L. Hawes of this city that the bird was killed here at said time I consider the bird worth five dollars and will sell it for that price. I would like to know if the Florida Gallinule is a rare bird in Massachusetts. I killed one and saw another last July. Enclosed find labels

Yours Very Truly

L. C. Holcomb

66 Acushnet Ave

Holcomb L. C.
Mar. 30, 1898.

Springfield Mass
July 26th 98

Mr. Wm. Brewster
Cambridge
Mass

Dear Sir.—

I received your letter this morning I send you by express the three Hooded Warbler I shot at this place. I think the birds worth two dollars each. Trusting you may find the specimens and the price satisfactory I am

Yours very Truly

66 Acushnet Ave) L. C. Holcomb

Holcomb – L. B.

July 26, 1898.

Springfield
Mass
Aug. 3 - 1898

Mr Wm. Brewster,
Cambridge

Dear Sir,—

Your letter enclosing money order received, many thank for the same.

I think you are mistaken in supposing The Hooded Warbler you wrote about being an old bird. I feel sure, from the base of its bill, that it must be a

young bird. I also think I am right in regards its being a male bird. at least I so recorded it in my note book when I dissected it. It is of course possible that I may be mistaken but I do not think so.

Yours very truly
Leon C. Holcomb

66 Nashnet Ave.

Holcomb—Leon. C.

Aug. 3rd 1896

rec'd Aug. 25

Springfield Mass.
Aug 24, 98

Mr Wm. Brewster
Cambridge Mass

Dear Sir,—

I send you by today's mail a warbler which I wish you would identify for me. I shot it here on the 15th of this month and showed it to Mr. R. O. Morris who was unable to name it. It was shot so that I was unable to determine its sex positively, but think it a male. I first thought it a Palm

Warbler. but it doesn't
seem to have the white
tail markings or the
yellow under tail coverts
or the streaks on the
sides like a Palm Warbler
I shot at Windsor Conn-
ecticut, several years
ago. By identifying
this specimen you
will do me a great
favor

Yours very truly

Leon C. Holcomb
66 Acushnet Ave.

Holcomb, L. C.
Aug. 24, 1898.

Helminthophila peregrina.
in worn breeding plumage.

Springfield Mass
[Nov.] ~~Oct~~ 14th 1875

Mr Wm. Brewster
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Sir,—

I received the box of birds you sent the other day and I am greatly obliged to you for naming them for me.

I send you today a Teal, shot at Longmeadow Mass. Oct 11th 1875 by myself. It came in over my decoys, which were five Mallards. The bird was evidently in an exhausted condition as on skinning it I found it very poor and with nothing in its stomach.

I think the bird ought to be worth $10. as that is the price you would have to pay—

dealer for a specimen taken under ordinary circumstances, and as this was taken under extraordinary circumstances it ought to be worth the market price.

Yours Very Truly
Jas C. Holcomb
66 Merchant St.

Holcomb, L. C.
~~Oct.~~ Nov. 14, 1898.

Notes of the Fulmar.

Enc. 5 -
W.B. indorsed
the Warbler
for $5.

Springfield Mass.
Sept. 18 - 1899

Mr William Brewster
Cambridge Mass

Dear Sir, —

On July 4th I shot, at Longmeadow, a male Worm-Eating Warbler, and on the 13th of this month, an albino Barn Swallow in the same town. On the 10th of this month I found a dead Least Bittern on the banks of the Connecticut River below the city. The bird was so badly decayed that I was unable to preserve it. The warbler and swallow are in my collection, and I will send them to you if you wish to see them.

Yours very truly
Leon C. Holcomb
#53 Howard St
Springfield
Mass.

Holcomb, L. A.
Sept. 18, 1899

Holcomb, L. C.
Oct. 29, 1899.

Maplewood Mass
Oct. 29th 1899

Mr. Wm Brewster
145 Brattle St
Cambridge
Mass.

Dear Sir, —

I send you by mail to-day a ♂ Worm-eating Warbler which I shot in Longmeadow July 4th 1899. I believe we agreed that $5.00 was to be the price of it. I am now living in Maplewood and have a position in Boston

I would like to know if I had best write my application for a position in the museum now or wait until spring. I have been very busy the last few weeks or I would have sent you the bird before

Very Truly
Leon C. Holcomb
Maplewood
Mass.

#14 Home St.

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Mr. William Brewster

~~Cambridge~~

~~Mass~~

Jaffrey N.H.

~~#125 Brattle St.~~

Holmes, R. G.
July 19, 1900

Cannot furnish details and address of the gentleman who took it, July 26

North Cambridge
7-19-1900

I have a Gull-billed Tern shot on Cape Cod, Do you want to see it, etc.?

J. C. Holcomb
154 Elm St.

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Holland L. C.
Apr. 25. 1892.

Walter Deane

Cambridge
Mass

145 Brattle St.

Springfield Apr 25

Dear Sir,—

The Fish Crow was shot June 9-1896 not the 21st as I wrote H. R. Merrill shot and I dissected it

Pardon the delay but I have been away shooting

Yours truly

L. C. Holcomb

Springfield Illinois
Oct 31st 1865

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] before [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

I take the liberty
[illegible] 25th [illegible] here number
[illegible] 20 [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

I did the same
[illegible] there is [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] Tennessee [illegible] shall
[illegible]

a bird I suppose to be a Orange-crowned Warbler* [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

* This bird is a young Nashville Warbler in autumn plumage. W.W.

Hartford, Ct.
Oct. 31, 1878

Holcomb, L. C.
Nov. 5, 1899.

Maplewood Mass
Nov. 5th 1899

Mr Walter Deane
145 Brattle St
Cambridge

Dear Sir.—

I am sorry to bother you again about the money order. I find that I cannot get it cashed there being no Post Office in Maplewood. The Boston Postmaster should have known that. Now I wish you would withdraw the order

and send me the money in a letter, as a money order is of no use to me even if made out correctly as I am a total stranger here and could get no one to identify me. You see Maplewood is in the city of Malden, and has no ~~#~~ Post Office which fact I did not know until last night. I am

Very Truly Yours
L. C. Holcomb

14 Howe St. Maplewood Mass

[If you do send money back and send it in a letter Nov. 9] MD

Holcomb, L. C.
Feb. 19, 1900.

Cambridge 2-19-1900

Dear Sir,—

On Xmas day last, I shot a male Eider duck at Longmeadow Mass. I expect to go home again in a few days and shall bring the bird down here. I consider it exceptional that an Eider should be found so far inland and if you desire to buy the

specimen I should be pleased to sell it to you, write me if you desire it and I will bring it over the last of the week if that time will be convenient to you

Yours Truly,

Leon C. Holcomb.

748 Cambridge St

Cambridge

Mar. 13 - 190[illegible]

Dear Mr Deane, —

Your letter received. Mr [illegible] is very sorry to hear Mr Brewster is so ill. He sends him any sympathy. I think the Eider would be $15 — being taken under extraordinary conditions and a good specimen.

Yours truly

L. C. Holland

748 Cambridge St.

[Somateria dresseri]

[See rep. Nov. 1894, p. 441]

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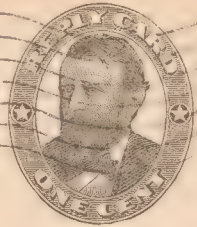

Walter Deane
145 Brattle St.
Cambridge,
Mass.

Holcomb, La.
Mar. 13, 1900.

Cambridge
March. 16th 1900.

Dear Mr. Deane

I am sorry I asked too much for the Cider I assure you I did not intend to. Won't you kindly keep it until sometime next week when I will call. I am willing to sell it for whatever is right and think we can arrange matters satisfactory then

Hastily

A. C. Holcomb

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BOSTON MAR 17

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Mr. Walter Deane

Cambridge

Mass.

Holcomb, L. C.
Mar. 16, 1900

#145 Braille Dot 1.

Holcomb, Leon C.
March 22, 1900

(Re Somateria dresseri)

Cambridge 3-22-1900

Dear Mr. Lane.

I have looked over Mr Frost's stock of tools and find he keeps no tweezers such as I think you could use. The kind pictured in his catalogue are much larger and more clumsy than is shown in the picture and are not suitable for pinning small insects. The price on the

Order is all right $7
I wish that instead
of sending me a
money order you
would enclose the money
in an envelope and
direct to me. You
know I am a stranger
here and have no
one to identify at
the post office and
it would be impossible
for me to get the
order cashed.

Very Truly
Leon C. Holcomb
748 Cumberland St

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BOSTON MASS. 1900

BOSTON R.P.O.

Holcomb, L. C.
Apr. 30, 1900.

Mr. Walter Deane
Cambridge
Mass

#145 Brattle St.

N. Cambridge
4-30-00

Dear Mr Crane,

I have a male Red shouldered Black-bird with eight ~~four~~ white tail feathers. If you think Mr Brewster would like to see it I will ~~think~~ bring it over where convenient to him.

Very Truly
Leon C Holcomb
#154 Elm St.
North Cambridge

BOSTON APR 30 7-AM
CAMBRIDGE RECEIVED STATION

North Cambridge -5-16-00

Dear Mr. Deane,-

Your letter received to-day, I am perfectly satisfied with Mr Brewster's terms, We charge at the store $1.75 for a mounted Red-wing, and if you will enclose ~~twice~~ that sum, viz. $3.50 and 50¢ for the Flycatcher making $4.00 in a letter and direct to 154 Elm St I will be greatly obliged. I would much rather have you send the money than a check or a money order as it is not convenient for me to get either cashed

Yours very truly

Leon C. Holcomb.

Holcomb, Leon C.
May 16, 1900

(Re Red-wing, albino & heart fly catcher)

North Cambridge
June 12th 1900

Dear Mr Deane

I received the $3.00 for the Prothonotary Warbler O.K. The price is satisfactory.

I shot the bird at Arlington Heights May 20. - 1900 in a swampy place, It was low down among the bushes. I heard no note

Very Truly
Leon C. Holcomb

Holcomb, Leon C.
June 12, 1900.
[Re Protonotaria citrea]

154 Elm St
North Cambridge
Aug 5th 1900

Dear Mr. Deane,

In reply to your inquiry about the Red-bill Tern will say that I shot the bird only 4 at Sandwich on Cape Cod. It is a fine good condition and if Mr Ploughler wants it I may let he can have it at his own price

Yours truly
L. C. Holand

Have lost your N. H. address

Holcomb, L. C.
Aug. 5, 1900.

[Do not want them
Nov. 17, 1900 W.D.]

N. Cambridge ~~$~~
Oct. 31-1900

Dear Mr Dane

I received the $12 for the Tern & Phalarope for which I am greatly obliged both to yourself and Mr Brewster.

It may interest Mr Brewster to learn that I recently bought in the Market a Clapper Rail and that I shot a very large specimen of the same on the Lynn Marshes on the 21st of this month The one I bought was said to have been ~~bought~~ shot in Amesbury

Very Truly Leon C Holcomb

Holcombe, L. C.
Oct. 31, 1900.

[acknowledging receipt of 12.
& re Clapper Rails]

Dear Walter,
Go from Boy
This Elm
Leave auto place.
Why not are
have 5 or
more depositi
If he means
$8 for the
Tern & $6.
for the Phalarope
for the Tern
I guarantee
Boy 10 to 12
for the Tern
Leave to
come up
Home
W. B.

154 Elm St N. Cambridge

Dear Mr Deane,—

As regards prices for the Tern & Phalarope I would suggest that the birds might be worth twice as much as specimens taken within their usual habitat. We would charge at the store $4 for a Gull-bill Tern and $3 for a Phalarope However I merely offer this as a suggestion and if Mr Brewster thinks the prices too high I hope he will not be afraid to say so and offer me what he thinks is right, which as I have said before will be perfectly satisfactory to me

Very Truly

Oct. 1900

Leon C. Holcomb

Holcomb, L. C.

Oct 1900